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May 12, 2011

Isaac Aikens
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RE: **United States Patent No. 7,275,669 issued October 2, 2007 "Bicycle Mounted
Ball Carrier Device"**
Our File: 3-5764-001

Isaac:

In accordance with our previous correspondence to you dated October 7, 2010, and February 11, 2011, we have now passed the deadline date for paying the maintenance fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office without additional government surcharge fees. The fee can still be paid up until October 2, 2011 with the payment of a surcharge fee, in addition to the current maintenance fee. After October 2, 2011, your patent will be abandoned and all rights thereto will be terminated.

Again, I remind you, that if YOU decide NOT to pay the required maintenance fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before October 2, 2011, your patent will become abandoned. At that time you will be required by law to remove all markings of "patented", "U.S. Patent No. 7,275,669, or any other marking you have put on your product(s) that indicate you have a valid patent in force. If you have used the above markings on your product(s) on a website, in advertising, or in any other manner the marking must also be removed. Leaving the patent number on, or an indication of "patented" on your product has been held by courts to be false marking and you could be subject to being sued by another party with damages of \$500 for each item so marked.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Fix

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February 11, 2011

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RE: **United States Patent No. 7,275,669 issued October 2, 2007 "Bicycle Mounted Ball Carrier Device"**
Our Ref: 3-5764-001

Isaac:

On October 7, 2010 we wrote to you regarding a maintenance fee that is required to be paid to the Patent Office with respect to the above patent.

To date we have not received your instructions and check to pay same.

Unless we have your check **in our office on or before March 15, 2011** in the amount of \$990, we will withdraw from further representation in this matter.

Please be advised that failure to pay this maintenance fee to the Patent Office will result in abandonment of your patent.

Please be aware that if you decide NOT to pay the required maintenance fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, your patent will become abandoned. At that time you will be required by law to remove all markings of "patented", "U.S. Patent No. 7,275,669", or any other marking you have put on your product(s) that indicate you have a valid patent in force.

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October 7, 2010

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RE United States Patent No. 7,275,669 issued October 2, 2007 "Bicycle Mounted
Ball Carrier Device"
Our Ref: 3-5764-001

Isaac:

The Patent Office requires the payment of maintenance fees for all issued utility patents. The fees become due 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date of issuance. If the fees are not timely paid, the patent lapses and all of your rights are lost.

Your first maintenance fee is **now due** in the amount of \$490 (United States Patent and Trademark Office fee.). Our charges for the docketing, maintenance and preparation of all required forms is \$500. This \$500 includes our keeping a current docket on the due dates for your upcoming maintenance fees, reminding you of the due date for payment of same, and follow up letters.



Please forward your payment to us by **January 1, 2011** in the amount of **\$990**. Upon our receipt of same we will proceed with paying the fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

You may receive a letter from a NON-GOVERNMENT entity attempting to mislead you into believing they are an agency of the United States Government, i.e., United States Patent and Trademark Office, and offering their services to you regarding payment of the current maintenance fee due on your patent. We would encourage you to ignore their letter and their request for money. If you have questions regarding receipt of this non-government letter, please call me at once to discuss it further.

We also take this opportunity to remind you to promptly let us know if your status changes from "small" to "large" entity so that we may prepare the necessary forms for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as required. If you have licensed this Patent to a company having more than 500 employees - including all affiliates, we must have this information before payment of your current maintenance fee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Fix

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- ☐ YES, please pay the current maintenance fee. My check for \$990 enclosed.
- ☐ YES, please pay this maintenance fee. However, small entity status no longer applies. My check for \$1,480 is enclosed.
- ☐ NO, please **DO NOT** pay this maintenance fee. I understand that by not paying the current fee, the patent will lapse and all rights will be lost.

Isaac Aikens

Date: _____